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Mr. R. A. Falconer,  
Toronto,  
Ontario.

Dear Mr. Falconer,-

Referring to your kind letter to me of July 17th. As you advise, I am getting after my matriculation.

Regarding my financing my way through, I have a little plan that I would like to get your opinion on as to whether it is feasible or not. I say I take out two Endowment policies of a thousand dollars each. When I had paid three payments on them, could I endorse them over to two gentlemen and each man would advance me the amount of the policy, i.e., one thousand dollars each. I would keep up the premiums, and give them my notes for the amount payable as soon <sup>as possible</sup> after college course was completed. These notes would bear interest. Would these men have to be friends? Or do you think strangers would consider this sufficient security?

Could you tell me what course in the Faculty of Applied Science covers the construction of large buildings, bridges etc., the most complete?

In this city there are no night schools where a person can study for his matriculation. Tutors are so very expensive that I cannot afford to have one to help me

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Do you know of any Correspondance schools  
that teach matriculation? What way would you  
sugest as being the best one to get your  
matriculation?

Thanking you for the kindness of  
a reply at your convenience.

Yours very truly

Frank J. Ayer

Canadian Correspondence  
College  
15 Toronto St.

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Mr. F. J. Ayearst,  
Clara and Ottawa Streets,  
Edmonton, Alta.

Dear Mr. Ayearst:

If you were able to get some gentleman to advance you the money on endowment policies there are two points that you should keep in view. You should secure before you enter the University enough money to pay the premiums during your course, and secondly, to make it possible to work yourself through without having too heavy a burden at the end of your course. I should think that it would be necessary for you to secure a gentleman who knew you and who would be willing to give you the help to the extent of financing you on the securing of your life insurance. My strong advice is not to begin until you have some money put by, because after graduation your expenses for some time may be pretty heavy, and it would take you a long time to pay back the money.

The course in the Faculty of Applied Science which probably would meet your needs would be that in Civil Engineering or Mechanical Engineering. The course in Mechanical Engineering covers engine work, and Civil Engineering has in it theory of structures, strength of materials, and foundations, with railway engineering. You could decide upon your course just before entering.

The only correspondence school of which I have been able to get word is the Canadian Correspondence College, 15 Toronto Street. If you

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write to them and ask them for their terms, you will be able to see what they can do for you.

Are there no night schools in Edmonton? In the Y.M.C.A. is there no instruction given to intending students? In other places I know that the Y.M.C.A. endeavours to meet this need.

Yours sincerely,

President.

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